nuclear power projects. Cost of large scale wind power projects is likely to be comparable with thermal and nuclear power projects if due consideration is given to the facts that wind power is renewable and has no fuel cost; is environmentally benign; has short gestation and is modular.

(b) The Eight Plan has not been finalized.

Power production from different sources

6399. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total installed capacity and the actual generation of power from thermal, hydel, nuclear and other sources and the estimated power generation by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to bring Bihar and other States at par with the national level with regard to both actual generation and installed capacity; and

(c) the estimated generating capacity of hydel in the country particularly from the Himalayan rivers and the steps proposed to be taken to harness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Total installed capacity in the country as on 31.3.1991 in respect of thermal, hydel and nuclear stations is 66,066.01 MW During 1990-91, the generation from these sources was to the extent of 264231 million units. The 8th Plan has not been finalised so far.

(b) Various measure taken to improve availability of power in the country including Bihar, are (i) expediting commissioning of new generating capacity (ii) implementation of short gestation projects (iii) improving the performance of existing power stations (iv) reduction of T & D losses (v) implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and (vi) arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.

(c) As per the Hydro-electric potential assessment by Central Electricity Authority (CEA), the hydro-electric potential of the country has been assessed as 84044 MW at 60% load factor. The Hydro-electric Potential of the Himalayan rivers (generally comprising Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Sikkim, West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh) is estimated as 59689 MW at 60% load factor. Based on the above assessment, detailed feasibility/project reports are prepared by the respective States and are techno-economically cleared by the CEA. The implementation of the schemes depends upon the availability of resources and other inputs.

[*Translation*]

Irregularities of trains from Samastipur to Narkatiaganj

6400. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that trains running between Samastipur to Narkatiaganj always remain irregular and daily passengers have to face great difficulties as a result thereof;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to run local trains regularly?

THE MINISTER OS STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Sometimes, the

trains run late on Samastipur-Narkatiaganj section due to equipment failures, accidents and agitations by public.

(c) Intensive chasing and monitoring to eliminate detentions within the control of railways.

[*English*]

Budge-budge Thermal Power Plant

6401. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed 500 MW Thermal Power Plant at Budge-Budge, West Bengal has not yet been cleared by the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the finance plan and the coal linkage are to be tied up for the proposed 500 MW Thermal Plant at Budge-Budge, West Bengal.

[*Translation*]

Blackmarketing and Adulteration of Petroleum Products in Uttar Pradesh

6402. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:
SHRI RAM BADAN:
SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of blackmarketing of LPG, irregularities and adulteration of petrol and diesel detected in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the action taken in each case; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to prevent such cases in future?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). Information as provided by the oil companies is as follows:-

Year	*No. of complaints*
1988-89	158
1989-90	156
1990-91	269

Appropriate action is taken in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines wherever the complaint are established. The Weight and Measures Deptt. of the State Governments are also taking actions under various Acts.

[*English*]

Accidents in Coal Mines

6403. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents in the Coal mines in the country during each of the last three years and upto July, 1991;

(b) the reasons of these accidents;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent their recurrences; and